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Letter dated 26 January 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the latest developments on the question of Cyprus and the unanimously adopted Security Council resolution 789 (1992), I have the honour to forward attached herewith a copy of a relevant resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 21 January 1993 (see annex). This resolution, inter alia, reaffirms the European Parliament's support for all United Nations Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, welcomes the recently adopted Council resolution 789 (1992) and fully supports the implementation of the confidence-building measures contained therein.

As will be recalled, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus promptly and unequivocally stated its acceptance of the said confidence-building measures (see A/47/736-S/24862 and A/47/759-S/24914 dated 27 November and 7 December 1992, respectively), a fact that is duly noted and welcomed by the European Parliament in its said resolution.

Meanwhile, and in spite of the fact that two months have elapsed since the adoption of Security Council resolution 789 (1992), the Turkish side has regrettably not only failed to accept the confidence-building measures, a fact that can reasonably be expected to be of serious concern to the Security Council, but on the contrary has with numerous statements publicly challenged Council resolution 789 (1992) and, through provocative and menacing statements emanating from the highest level of the Turkish leadership, has created a climate of tension, thus undermining whatever prospects may exist for the forthcoming talks in March 1993. Characteristically, the Prime Minister of Turkey, Mr. S. Demirel, quoted in the Turkish daily Milliyet (22 January 1993), said that nothing can happen in Cyprus if Turkey does not

want it, that Cyprus is the honour and pride of Turkey and that (the Cypriots) "will regret that their mothers gave birth to them. The airport at Adana is only six minutes away from Nicosia".

I shall be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 21 January 1993

Regarding Security Council resolution 789 (1992) adopted on 25 November 1992 on Cyprus and the Republic's relations with the European Community,

The European Parliament,

Recalling its previous resolutions on Cyprus,

Having in mind the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and Cyprus as well as the application of the Republic of Cyprus for accession to the European Community,

Having in mind the talks which took place in New York and the ensuing Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 19 November 1992 regarding his mission of good offices,

Reaffirming its support for all United Nations Security Council resolutions on Cyprus, including 365 (1974), 367 (1975), 541 (1983), 550 (1984) and 774 (1992),

Welcoming the recent unanimous Security Council resolution 789 (1992) of 25 November 1992,

Fully supporting the urging of the Security Council, as contained in its resolution 789 (1992) towards the interested parties, to implement a series of confidence-building measures, which would greatly facilitate the promotion of the appropriate climate for the successful completion of the efforts for finding a just and viable solution of the Cyprus problem in the course of March 1993,

Welcoming also the readiness expressed by the Cyprus Government to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to cooperate for the immediate implementation of the confidence-building measures,

Welcoming the establishment of the European Community-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee,

1. Adopts the position of the Security Council that the talks in New York did not achieve their intended objective "in particular because certain positions adopted by the Turkish Cypriot side were fundamentally at variance with the Set of Ideas";

2. Reaffirms its conviction that the continuation of the status quo in Cyprus in unacceptable and poses wider (threats) danger to the region;

3. Calls upon the Turkish side to return to the new round of talks in March 1993 with positions in line with the resolutions of the Security Council, including 365 (1974), 367 (1975), 541 (1983), 550 (1984), 774 (1992) and 789 (1992), as well as with the Set of Ideas of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

4. Calls upon the Government of Turkey to withdraw its occupation troops from the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, and calls for the Turkish troops to be replaced by United Nations peace-keeping forces;

5. Calls upon the Turkish side to accept without further delay the confidence-building measures adopted by Security Council resolution 789 (1992) and to cooperate with the other interested parties for their immediate implementation;

6. Supports the recommendations of the European Community-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee adopted at Nicosia on 16 July 1992 and, in particular, expresses the wish that the Opinion of the Commission on the application of Cyprus for full membership to the European Community and the decision of the Council that will follow, contribute to the furtherance of the admission of Cyprus to the Community which will have positive effects on the efforts for the solution of the Cyprus problem;

7. Calls upon the Ministers convening within the framework of European political cooperation to take all necessary steps that would ensure respect for Security Council resolution 789 (1992) and in particular implementation of the confidence-building measures foreseen by it;

8. Calls in particular upon the Council and the Commission, in cooperation with the Cyprus Government, the United Nations Secretary-General and other interested Governments and international organizations, to:

(i) Help in conducting studies and in initiating action for the restoration of Famagusta (Varosha) as soon as the town is placed under United Nations administration according to Security Council resolutions 550 (1984) and 789 (1992);

(ii) Proceed to the financing through loans or grants of bicommunal projects in Cyprus as foreseen by Council resolution 789 (1992);

9. Instructs its President to convey the present resolution to the Governments of member States, the United Nations Secretary-General and the Governments of Turkey and Cyprus.